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PUBLIC SERVICE

President of Fathers' Day Association Extols Place That Father Occupies in War.

By MRS. JOHN BRUCE DODD,
Founder of Fathers' Day.

Again and again has come the question, "What part does father play in this great drama of warfare?" Since



Mrs. John Bruce Dodd

knowledge alone conquers, I sought fatherhood both in the country places and the crowded city.

I discovered aged fathers at tasks recently wrought by the boyish strength of their progeny.

Some wore faded blue, others wore gray, and beside the bronze button or cross as the case may be, was a pair of other buttons — one boldly proclaimed: "I own a Liberty Bond." The other was pure white and bore only a scarlet cross.

To some of those fathers fortune had been generous, most generous to others adversity had been cunningly unscrupulous. But a great dignity embraced their dwelling places, humble or otherwise.

Two banners met the brisk autumn breeze. Kings now pay obeisance to them—for they are crimson, and blue, and white. One I hailed as freedom's own; the other was the flag of service. I choked a bit as I counted the stars one, two, three; sometimes, plus one, two, three.

I beheld in the sweat of their brows an army liberally equipped. I saw the wounded lifted, and wan faces illuminate with spiritual light. I saw women and little children reach out their hands—for this protection I salute you—our home guard! Ennobling is your part!

I elbowed my way through a crowded thoroughfare. The day was gray and everything appeared khaki colored. Several regiments were saying au revoir to their homeland.

I saw many weeping mothers, brides and brides-to-be—again the question, "What part does father play?" The spectators applaud him not, but later observation revealed him the star support of mother.

Although the sun was not shining, father shaded his eyes with a hand once smooth and steady. He stood erect and tense, his personality reflecting the spirit of Patrick Henry, trail blazer of American Independence, when he said "Give me liberty, or give me death!" A young officer reverently lifted a tiny lass to his breast and when she again stood at his feet her fair curls were wet.

I heard a chorus of childish voices call, "Goodby, daddy!"

The answer was a stifled sob from many a manly breast. Standing aloof from the rest was an old man leaning heavily upon a cane.

I saluted him thus, "Boy going?"

"Gone," he replied; "three of them, even Bobby, the last born." There were tears on his cheeks—they must have been brave tears though, for they clung to the trenches in his face—like Sammys to "Old Glory."

"But they are doing their bit well," he continued and glowed as he told of honors attained. He shouldered his crooked cane and hobbled to and fro like a wounded guard loath to desert his post.

"Hope Uncle Sam takes good care of your boys," I called in parting.

"On the contrary," he retorted, "my boys are taking care of Uncle Sam," and I thanked the "Prince of Peace" that Uncle Sam has such keepers, while I sent a fervent God bless you down the path leading to the homes of many such fathers—somewhere in America.

(Why is the Y. M. C. A. asking Spokane for \$50,000 this week? R. G. White, war Y. M. C. A. secretary for eastern Washington, will answer this question in this column tomorrow.)

COOL CHILDREN LEARNING HOW TO KNIT

Public schools are being taught how to knit by the Grand Army of the Republic. Mission to teach Spokane school children the art of Mrs. Frances Richard the work in 12 schools and more are being

g classes, each having the enrolment Columbia, 20; Edison, 60; Emerson, 54, and teaches at the Bancroft school, 67, and the as these schools: Cooper, 20; David Whitman, 35. Mrs. Cornelia E. Curry ol; Mrs. Sophia J. Flint and Mrs. Susan

CORN CAPITAL; AS HIS COURT FOOL

MASONS TO HAVE PROGRAM TOMORROW

Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 to Give Entertainment at the Masonic Temple.

The Royal Arch Masons lodge No. 2 will give an entertainment in the Masonic temple tomorrow night.

Speaking, music and cards are to complete the program to be offered, and an invitation is extended to all the Masons in the city to be present.

The main speaker of the evening will be F. H. Kinsell, royal high priest of the order.

DELAY PAVING DIVISION BRIDGE

Dirt Filling Over Arches to Be Allowed to Settle Before Work Is Done.

Because the dirt filling will not be sufficiently settled to permit a presentable job of paving, the new Division street bridge will not be paved this fall, as was practically decided upon by the city council a month ago.

Instead, the fill over the concrete arches will be rolled down, graveled and cindered and kept in the best condition possible in that manner until next spring. The Washington Paving company having the bridge contract will in all probability have to pay for this extra work as it is, delinquent since May 15th in the completion of the bridge job.

City Engineer Butler and Commissioner Funk joined in telling the council that the pouring of the concrete on the west half of the bridge would not be finished until about November 20, and that it could not be opened to traffic until about a month later, hence that rolling and graveled of the fill for the winter traffic was advisable.

Under the forfeiture clause of its contract, the Washington Paving company is liable to the city to the extent of \$10 a day for every day since May 15—an amount more than sufficient to keep the fill graveled and in good condition throughout the winter.

BEST ORATOR GETS TEN DOLLAR PRIZE

The Swedish North Star society has put up two prizes, \$10 for first and \$5 for second, which will be given the winners of an oratorical contest to be staged at the North Central high school for seniors and juniors of the school.

The contest will be held in December and the contestants will be given a chance to choose any topic of a biographical nature.

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NAVY WANTS 2000 FIREMEN, AND WANTS 'EM IN A HURRY

Special Camp Recruits St Western Dis

To obtain 2000 United States navy has been assigned recruiting division of ing service, in which tion at the Exchange building is included.

A special drive has been started, reaching Assistant in charge of the today from Commhardt, head of the ing district, which 700 of the firemen quota.

Unusual "The navy has u to offer young me for firemen, first, class," today said man's physical con considered in the ca firemen, third class at \$36.40 a month Men with experien qualify for first or men, ratings that per month, respective "Contrary to a lief the work of th particularly difficul the men work only 'watches' as they navy. Also they an off each year at f

At the army rec day it was announce now are being recei section of the signi corps, which consis —aviators, aerial ol and nonflying offic for the aviators are the nonflying offic Applicants under will not be consid ing officers' divisi qualified. They m the course at a re technical school, or lent of such a cour training.

Men also are b army recruiting st officers and adjutan who have achieve cess in business li military experience non-flying officers Kelly, San Antonio

Join the Following are th at the army recr John C. Nicholson Mont.; W. K. Irvin and H. L. Schlegg Ore., 20th engine Zimet, 20, cook; M master's corps; G borer, Alzada, Mo win A. Plitt, St. I engineers corps; J laborer, Dillon, Mo corps; Charles Ran Falls, Idaho, 20th Marion B. Collins, Mont., medical dep Elderkin, 21, farme engineers corps, a 23, farmer, Como, neers corps.

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